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Letter dated 14 July 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to a note verbale from the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) dated 13 July 2011, requesting the Permanent Mission of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to submit the "Communiqué of the eighteenth Extraordinary Summit Meeting of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the activities in Sudan, Somalia and Eritrea", held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 4 July 2011, to the Office of the President of the Security Council of the United Nations. In this regard, I am pleased to transmit herewith the aforementioned communiqué to be circulated as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

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The Secretariat of IGAD presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the United Nations in New York, and has the honour to kindly request the latter to submit the attached covering note verbale and "Communiqué of the eighteenth Extraordinary Summit Meeting of the IGAD Heads of State and Government on the activities in Sudan, Somalia and Eritrea", held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 4 July 2011, to the Office of the President of the United Nations Security Council.

Communiqué of the eighteenth Extraordinary Summit Meeting of the IGAD Assembly of the Heads of State and Government on the activities in the Sudan, Somalia and Eritrea

Addis Ababa, 4 July 2011

The Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) Assembly Heads of State and Government held its eighteenth Extraordinary Summit Meeting in Addis Ababa, on 4 July 2011, under the chairmanship of H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of IGAD.

The Assembly was attended by H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda; H.E. Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan; H.E. Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairperson of the IGAD Sub-Committee on the Sudan; H.E. Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, President of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia; H.E. Mohamoud Ali Youssouf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Djibouti; Eng. Mahboub M. Maalim, Executive Secretary of IGAD, and H.E. Thabo Mbeki, H.E. Abubakar Absalam and H.E. Pierre Buyoya of the African Union High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP).

The Assembly considered the progress on the implementation on the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), current developments in Somalia, and current activities of the State of Eritrea.

The Assembly was addressed by H.E. President Mwai Kibaki, Chair of the IGAD Sub-Committee on the Sudan, Ambassador Haile Menkerios, the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Sudan, Sir Derek Plumbly, Chair of the CPA Assessment and Evaluation Commission, and Ambassador Augustine Mahiga, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia.

The Assembly was then briefed on the implementation of the CPA by H.E. Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan, H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, the First Vice-President of the Sudan and H.E. Thabo Mbeki, Chairperson of the African Union High-Level Implementation Panel.

The Assembly was also addressed by H.E. Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, and received an update on Somalia from H.E. Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, President of the TFG of Somalia, and Hon. Kipruto Arap Kirwa, IGAD Facilitator for Somalia Peace and National Reconciliation.

The Summit was briefed on the deliberations of the Council of Ministers during their session held in Malabo on 28 June 2011, and endorsed both the report and the Communiqué of the meeting.

On the progress on the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement

The Assembly,

1. **Conveys** its appreciation and welcomes the recent signing of the agreement on political and security principles that would pave the way for a final settlement in the South Kordofan and Blue Nile States, further congratulates both parties for signing the agreement on the general framework on 28 June 2011, and

calls upon them to hold up to these agreements and to further elaborate on them without delay;

2. **Congratulates** President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir and First Vice-President Salva Kiir Mayardit for their exemplary leadership, courage and commitment to peace, as well as the people of the Sudan on deciding their collective destiny, and calls on the successor States to continue cooperative relations and ensure two viable States;

3. **Strongly commends** President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir and First Vice-President Salva Kiir Mayardit for agreeing to continue the negotiations framework agreement after 9 July 2011 for the resolution of all outstanding issues in the spirit of the CPA;

4. **Welcomes** the agreement between both parties for a deployment of forces to guarantee stability in the Abyei and other border areas; further commends Ethiopia for offering troops and endorses their deployment, also welcomes United Nations Security Council resolution 1990 (2011), which authorized the deployment, and urges the United Nations Security Council to provide all the necessary logistics to enable expeditious deployment;

5. **Expresses appreciation** for the work of the African Union High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP), of President Thabo Mbeki, President Abdulsalami Abubakar and President Pierre Buyoya, for their unstinting efforts in the pursuit of a negotiated resolution of all outstanding issues;

6. **Concerned** by the unresolved issues of the final status of Abyei area, the five disputed areas along the border, the requirement for transitional financial arrangements and provisions for the continuing production and trans-shipment of oil, calls upon the African Union High-Level Implementation Panel to continue its engagement with both parties in order to resolve all these issues;

7. **Mandates** the Chairperson of IGAD to support continued negotiations and the implementation mechanism arising from any agreements reached;

8. **Commends** the CPA Evaluation and Assessment Commission (AEC) for its continuous support and for its commitments to continue this support in the post 9 July 2011 era within the framework of IGAD;

9. **Recalls** its 30 January 2011 Communiqué, and calls upon the international community to keep its commitment to support the people of the Sudan by granting debt relief, the removal of the Sudan from the list of States sponsors of terrorism, the lifting of sanctions and deferral of the International Criminal Court indictment in accordance with article 16 of the Rome Statute.

On the current developments in Somalia,

The Assembly,

1. **Welcomes** the signing of the Kampala Accord and urges all parties to work towards its full implementation as part of the wider programme of reconciliation and outreach, and calls upon the parties to the Accord to include as an integral component a strategy for effective implementation of the various agreements entered between the TFG and other entities that are supportive and desirous of genuine peace and national reconciliation;

2. **Commends** His Excellency President Yoweri Museveni and the people and the Government of Uganda, as well as the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General, for facilitating the realization of the Kampala Accord;

3. **Calls upon** the TFG to finalize all transitional tasks within the time frame provided for in the Kampala Accord, and calls upon all parties to work in a cooperative manner towards this end;

4. **Welcomes** the nomination and confirmation by Parliament of a new Prime Minister for the TFG of Somalia, and calls for the expeditious establishment of the Cabinet as stipulated in the Kampala Accord;

5. **Expresses** gratitude to the troop-contributing countries to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), namely Uganda and Burundi for the sacrifices they continue to make to advance the cause of peace and stability in Somalia; calls upon them to continue supporting TFG forces so as to bring the entire Mogadishu under the control of the Government forces, and urges those African countries that have pledged troops to avail the same immediately;

6. **Reiterates** its call for the United Nations Security Council to provide support to AMISOM, including mission enablers, and to adopt a resolution that enforces a blockade of Kismayu, Barava, Merka and Elmaan and imposes an air exclusion zone such as on Balidogle, N.50 and Cisaley to cut the supply lines to the extremist groups;

7. **Calls** upon the African Union, the United Nations and members of the international community working on Somalia to immediately relocate to Mogadishu, upscale their visibility and support the Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs) concretely in order to consolidate peace and stability in the newly liberated areas and districts;

8. **Reiterates** its earlier decision on the centrality of the role of IGAD and reaffirms that the Somalia process must be anchored in IGAD, and calls on all actors working towards peace in Somalia to do so in consultation and concurrence with IGAD;

9. **Commits** to fully support the TFIs both materially and financially to enable them to complete the remaining tasks and to build capacity and strengthen the local administration, and, in that regard, calls upon all international partners to provide the necessary human and financial support to deliver on these tasks;

10. **Directs** the Chiefs of Defence Staff to urgently convene a meeting to review the progress made so far and consolidate the gains achieved to avoid any setback in sustaining peace;

11. **Directs** the formation of an IGAD ministerial task force that would come up with joint measures to be taken to improve more vigilance on movements of any extremist elements, individuals and resources, as well as those who aid the work of terrorists within and across the region;

12. **Notes** with grave concern the continues sufferings to the people of Somalia, especially the women and children, occasioned by the severe drought and famine, and calls on all international organizations to urgently provide humanitarian

assistance to the needy populations in order to stem the outflow of people into the neighbouring countries as refugees;

13. **Undertakes** to create a framework for former Heads of State to support the Somalia peace and national reconciliation akin to what happened in Burundi.

On the activities of the State of Eritrea

The Assembly,

1. **Strongly condemns** the activities of the State of Eritrea, which has taken an active part in destabilizing the region by supporting extremist and other subversive elements;

2. **Calls** on the United Nations Security Council to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the regime in Asmara desists from its destabilization activities in the Horn of Africa;

3. **Calls** on the African Union and the United Nations Security Council to fully implement the existing sanctions and impose additional sanctions selectively on the Eritrean regime, specially on those economic and mining sectors that the regimes draws on, including the Eritrean diaspora, as well as ensure compliance with previous decisions of the United Nations;

4. **Further calls** on the United Nations Security Council to extend the mandate of the monitoring team on Eritrea and Somalia.

Finally, the Summit,

1. **Directs** the Executive Secretary of IGAD to formally transmit this Communiqué to the African Union Peace and Security Council, as well as to the United Nations Security Council;

2. **Decides** to remain seized of all the matters.

Done in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 4 July 2011